ISSUE 35, MAY 2ND

the Unless Press

Serving Greenville, Solla Sollew, and surrounding areas.

~ Bitter and Better ~

Old friends leave; new ones are born. Ties are severed, while partnerships form. Through the ups and the downs, the good times and the bad, we do our best to focus on the positives, and to be thankful for all the memories we've made and shared.

In this issue of *The Unless Press*, we take a moment to say good-bye to (and remember) Bitter Once-ler. We will also say "hello" to two Norma ask blogs, welcome back friends, and bid farewell to another. Also, check out our new game to play. •

~ Upcoming Events/Save the Date! ~

Mother's Day:
05/12/13

The twelfth of May is Mother's Day. Go do something special for mom!!

Children's Play:
05/18/13

Greenville School kids to perform "Rosy Red" at Pep Theatre. 7:00 PM.

Memorial Day:
05/27/13

Honor our troops this day and every day. We thank them for serving.

Art Spotlight!

We very much appreciate the artists in this fandom, and always feature their work. Today's issue showcases compositions (& photos) by these folks:

Glofii, **Ineedathneed**, **Sillysymphonic**, **Sol--lux**, **Peanut-satiety**, **Silouxa**, **Gummedup**, **Fly-bait**, **Frickerdoodle**, **Adori**, **McModdity**, **Licoresse**, **Freaking-beanpole**, and **Kindarbonkyrindarbonky**

~ To the Bitter End ~

Today we pay a little tribute to one of the fandom's most popular ask blogs.

Birth and Beginnings

On April 22nd, 2012, a new ask blog appeared, and he quickly became one of the most popular and beloved blogs in the entire fandom. Bitter Once-ler was his name, and his very first comment was "I'm done", which was ironic, considering that he would be far from done for a good, solid year exactly. Known for his sour attitude, snappy responses, potent sarcasm, rather hilarious wit, and an overall gruff temperament, Bitter was talented at not only pushing people away from him, but also, funnily enough, drawing folks towards him, although he always seemed to hate both cases. An "aftermath" ask blog, his story took place after the valley had been decimated and everyone had left him, but many who followed his ask blog stayed, and some, including members Tripleparadiddle, Webbyghost, Snuv, With-my-green-gloves, and myself (Plutonis), stubbornly stuck with the character, regardless of his bitterness.

In Passing

Bitter has lived in several universes and in different forms, including as a teenager (via the much-loved ask blog, Teenangstbitter), as an infected member of Camp Entre... who met a rather gruesome end, in the Camp Weehawken AU as a young camp member, and others. Close to his main blog's closure, main Bitter was visited by ask blog Tedbeyondthewall, who turned out to be not only a supporter of the stubborn Once-ler, but one who eventually helped him branch out a little. Bitter even gave Ted the last truffula seed. Upon the closure of the blog, we witnessed Ted and Bitter driving off to an area where Ted lives; hopefully, to a better life for the both of them. Many miss this ornery Once-ler, who, despite his attitude, had a soft heart deep down, but his story is not over. Check the #bitterly finn tag, and you might find more awaiting you. Farewell, dear Bitter.

~ Hellos and Good-byes ~

Please join us as we pay a visit to a couple of Norma ask blogs, say good-bye to an old friend, and welcome back two others whom were on a bit of a hiatus.

Ask-Assassin-Norma

Think all Norma ask blogs are so sweet and innocent? Think again. Some of them are a bit dirtier in their work, and this one is no exception. Although she poses as a gardener and perfume maker, this Norma is also something of a hit girl, and she'll get the job done for you if you need it. You got the money for the job? She's got the means to carry out your deeds.

ask-assassin-norma.tumblr.com

She of Short Stature

You don't see too many cosplay ask blogs out there, but they are around... and they are charming! The mod of this blog cosplays as Norma and posts pictures in her responses. Go and say "hello"!

sheofshortstature.tumblr.com

Not-How-It-Works

This Lorax ask blog is no stranger to the fandom, but he was on a bit of a hiatus for a while. He's returned for a week, so go stop by the furry guardians' page:

not-how-it-works.tumblr.com

Bye Gloomy; Hello Tain

I am saddened to report that **ask-gloomy-onceler** (better known as "Gloomy") closed and deleted his blog. We will miss you, dear Gloomy. On a happier note, Entertain-ler has very recently returned! You can find him here:

entertain-ler.tumblr.com

Game Winners!!

Say, you guys are pretty good! Congrats to **Texadison**, **Notquitethatmad**, and **Thetuftyspirit** for winning the "Truffula Trivia" contest, and to **Vanillr**, **Tigerlizzie**, and **Askfemale-oncie** for winning the "Guess that Artist" game.

Way to go, folks! Tune in next week for another fun round of trivia!!

~ Cap that Shot!! ~

If you didn't know the lines of dialogue in this scene, what else do you think this character might be saying? Send in the funniest caption you can think of. The most hilarious one will be featured in the bubble below in next week's paper!!

~ Call for Volunteers, Etc. ~

Volunteer Call

The Unless Press is still looking for volunteers to help us helm this paper. As of late, only one person is on the list of volunteers; so if you would like to give it a shot then feel free to apply any time! The position is, of course, nonpaid, but the responsibilities are very simple, involving observing the fandom for news and interesting things of note and then reporting back to me (Plutonis) with your findings once a week.

More information on how to be a volunteer (more specifically, an "Observer"), can be found here:

theunlesspress.tumblr.com/faq

Artists on the Case!

I am pleased to announce that we now have an artist each designing both a new banner and a new avatar for our blog! So far, I've only seen the design for the banner, but it's awesome. The artists will be compensated and credited for their work, of course, and you can expect to see the new designs sometime this month or next! Thanks to both artists for taking on the tasks!

Speak for the fans!!

Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the operation and/or construction of The Unless Press? Got a question? Want to let us know about something you'd like to see in the paper? Or maybe you simply want to express your appreciation or dislike for the newsletter? Send on a note to us! Your suggestion or comment will be taken into consideration and may even be published in the "Press"!

~ Let it grow!! ~